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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Claim 5 (amended) Compositions according to claim 2, characterized in that the chitosan in acid form has a pH less than 6.

Claim 6 (amended) Compositions according to claim 2, characterized in that the chitosan in acid or cationic form is obtained by addition to the chitin of an organic acid chosen from among acetic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, tartaric acid, ascorbic acid, citric acid, glutamic acid, methanesulphonic acid or ethanesulphonic acid.

Claim 7 (amended) Compositions according to claim 2 characterized in that the acid chitosan is obtained by addition of ascorbic acid or lactic acid to the chitin.